



Family Reunion Visa

1. General Information

Please note that your visa application must be made in person and will be accepted only if all required documents are submitted according to our regulations.

Appointments can be booked online (free of charge) here
www.tallinn.diplo.de/Terminvergabe

Each submitted document in original has to be accompanied by two copies. Documents in foreign language have to be provided with a certified translation into German.

2. Fees

No fee is charged for processing visas for reunion with German citizens or citizens of EU states using their right to move and reside freely. The fee for processing applications for family reunion visas to spouse holding passports of other countries is 75,00 Euro. This amount has to be paid in cash or via credit card. This is a processing fee. Thus, a refund in case of withdrawal of application or upon denial is not possible.

3. Process

The applications are forwarded to the alien authority in Germany for an advisory statement. Therefore processing a family reunion visa usually takes at least 8 weeks but may be extended to several months. As soon as a decision has been made, the applicant is immediately contacted by the Embassy. In order to avoid unnecessary delays, applicants are kindly asked not to make any inquiries about the current status of their applications.

4. Required documents

Please make sure that you provide a complete application form and all documents required. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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A) FAMILY REUNION for SPOUSES of German citizens and citizens of EU states using their right to move and reside freely

- 2 application forms (and declaration in accordance with section 54 (2) No. 8 i.V.m. § 53 of the Residence Act) <https://tallinn.diplo.de/>
- 2 recent biometric passport photographs (45x35 mm)
- your national passport (validity of which has to exceed at least six months; issued not earlier than 10 years ago) (original + 2 copies of all pages with records)
- Estonian residency permit (e.g. visa / residence card), held for at least 3 months at the time of application (original +2 copies)
- current resident registration card/document from Estonian authority (2 copies)
- preferably international marriage certificate or civil partnership agreement (original, if applicable international recognition of the certificated, if applicable translation + 2 copies)

Information regarding the international recognition/legalisation of documents is available here:

<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/konsulatistisches/urkundenverkehrallgemeines-node>

- if applicable: in case of former marriages and divorces a legally signed German divorce decree or an approval of the foreign divorce decree issued by a German court (original + 2 copies)

Information regarding the recognition of documents of foreign divorces is available here:

https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/konsulatistisches/eheschliessung-node#content_6

- certificate for German language skills meeting the level A1 (not applicable if the partner in Germany is a citizen of a EU/EEA state, but applicable for reunions with German citizens) (original+2 copies)

The certificate has to be issued by a certified operator of these who has a branch operated by dispatched staff members in accordance to the ALTE standards (Association of Language Testers in Europe).

- Health insurance valid in Germany (2 copies)
- German passport or ID card of the spouse living in Germany; In case the reference person is not a German citizen, his/her residency permit must be provided as well; with regard to citizens of EU states using their right to move and reside freely; passport od ID card issued by the respective member state (2 copies)
- Resident registration card/document of the applicants partner in Germany (with information about his/her marital status)

B) FAMILY REUNION FOR CHILDREN of German citizens or of foreigners residing in Germany

- 2 Two application forms (and declaration in accordance with section 54 (2) No. 8 i.V.m. § 53 of the Residence Act) <https://tallinn.diplo.de/>
- 2 recent biometric passport photographs (45x35 mm)
- Child's national passport (validity of which has to exceed at least six months; issued not earlier than 10 years ago) (original + 2 copies of all pages with records)
- Estonian residency permit (e.g. visa / residence card), held for at least 3 months at the time of application (original +2 copies)
- Birth certificate (original, if applicable international recognition of the certificate, if applicable translation in German + two copies)
- If applicable, marriage certificate of the parents, acknowledgment of paternity certificate or degree (original, if applicable recognition of the certificate, if applicable translation in German, two copies)
- If applicable, certificate of adoption or degree (original, if applicable recognition of the certificate, if applicable translation in German, two copies)

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- German passport or ID card of the parent living in Germany (with two copies); in case the reference person is not a German citizen, his/her resident permit must be provided as well; With regard to citizens of EU/EEA states using the right to move and reside freely: passport or ID card issued by the respective member state (2 copies)
- Proofs concerning income and living space (tenancy agreement) of the parent living in Germany (2 copies)
- Resident registration card/document of the parent living in Germany (2 copies)

And if applicable:

- Divorce decree of the child's parents (original, if applicable international recognition of the certificate, if applicable translation in German + two copies)
- Custody decree stating that the sole custody lies with the respective parent or a notary certified consent of the second parent for the child to leave the country on a permanent basis (original, if applicable international recognition of the certificate, if applicable translation in German + two copies)

In individual cases it may be necessary to provide additional documents.

This fact sheet is regularly updated but makes no claim to be complete.